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SUBJECT LAUNCH OF SPACECRAFT IN JAPAN

1. SPACE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF JAPAN (NASDA) HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT AGENCY WILL LAUNCH IONOSPHERE SOUNDING SATELLITE (ISS), AGENCY'S SECOND SPACECRAFT, BY N LAUNCH VEHICLE SECOND FLIGHT MODEL.

2. LAUNCH IS SCHEDULED FOR FEB. 16, 1976. IF LAUNCH POSTPONED FOR ANY REASON, INCLUDING INCLEMENT WEATHER, IT WILL BE CARRIED OUT BETWEEN FEB. 17 AND 29.

3. SPACECRAFT, WEIGHING 139 KG, WILL BE LAUNCHED INTO 1000 KM CIRCULAR ORBIT, AT 70 DEGREE INCLINATION. IT HAS IONOSPHERE SOUNDER AND SEVERAL OTHER INSTRUMENTS ON BOARD.

4. RADIO RESEARCH LABORATORY, MINISTRY OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS, WILL OBSERVE AND STUDY IONOSPHERE, UTILIZING ISS TELEMETERED DATA RECEIVED BY LABORATORY.

5. JAPANESE LANGUAGE BROCHURES DESCRIBING DETAILS OF PROJECT BEING AIRPOUCHED FOR INFORMATION OF NASA. 89-PAGE VOLUME TITLED QTE LAUNCH OF IONOSPHERE SOUNDING SATELLITE BY N ROCKET NO. 2 AND ITS TRACKING AND CONTROL, UNQTE CONSISTS OF EIGHT SECTIONS. SECTION 1-PREFACE (OUTLINE OF N PROJECT); SECTION 2-OUTLINE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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LAUNCHING AND TRACKING PLANS; SECTION 3-LAUNCH AND TRACKING

SYSTEMS; SECTION 4-ON ISS; SECTION 5-ON N ROCKET (NLV-1);  
SECTION 6-ON FIRING GROUND SYSTEM; SECTION 7-ON LAUNCH  
OPERATIONS; SECTION 8-ON TRACKING AND CONTROL OF ISS.  
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